

École Meridian Heights School 4119-43 Street Stony Plain, AB T7Z 1R2 Phone: 780-963-2289 meridian@psd.ca

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are thrilled to announce an exciting opportunity for our students this March! École Meridian Heights School will be welcoming Lisa Matthias, a professional visual artist and arts educator, as our Artist in Residence. Lisa brings over 15 years of experience in visual arts education and has led numerous artist residency programs.

During her time with us, Lisa will introduce our students to the world of printmaking, engaging them in hands-on experiences that will nurture their creativity and artistic expression. Each class will have dedicated sessions with Lisa, where students will create their own unique printmaking pieces. Additionally, students will collaborate to contribute to a larger community artwork, which will be displayed within our school as a lasting legacy of their artistic journey.

Beyond class sessions, students will also have opportunities to engage with Lisa through a drop-in lunchtime drawing club and an open studio, where they can observe the creative process firsthand and further develop their artistic skills. The residency will conclude with an art exhibition, showcasing student creations and collaborative works for our school community to celebrate.

We are excited for this transformative experience and believe it will inspire our students to explore new artistic techniques while fostering a greater appreciation for the arts. Please see the attached permission form and parent volunteer sign up as each class will need two - three parents to help out in their session. There is NO COST associated with the residency as it is provided through a matching grant from the Alberta Foundation for the Arts (AFA).

If you have any questions about the program, please feel free to reach out to the school. Thank you for your support in making this enriching experience possible for our students!

Sincerely,

Treena Neumann Principal École Meridian Heights School



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## Artist in Residence - Parent/Guardian Permission Form

As part of our exciting Artist in Residence program in March, students at École Meridian Heights School will have the opportunity to participate in printmaking sessions with professional artist Lisa Matthias. Each student will create their own unique art piece and contribute to a collaborative artwork for our school.

We kindly ask for your consent for your child to participate and for permission to display their artwork within the school and beyond. Please review the options below and check the appropriate boxes. There is NO COST associated with the residency as it is provided through a matching grant from the Alberta Foundation for the Arts (AFA).

## Student Information

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parental Consent

 $\Box$  I give permission for my child to participate in the Artist in Residence program.

 $\Box$  I DO NOT give permission for my child to participate.

## Artwork Display Consent

Please check all that apply:

 $\Box$  School Display: I give permission for my child's artwork to be displayed in the school with their first name, grade, and school name.



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□ School Social Media & Website: I give permission for my child's artwork to be shared on the school's social media platforms and website with their first name, grade, and school name.

 $\Box$  Public Exhibitions: I give permission for my child's artwork to be displayed outside the school (e.g., community exhibitions) with their first name, grade, and school name.

 $\Box$  I DO NOT give permission for my child's artwork to be displayed outside the classroom.

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature : \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Parent/Guardian Volunteer Opportunity

We welcome parent volunteers to assist in the art studio while their child's class is participating. Please see the attached schedule to determine when your child's class will be in session. If you are interested in volunteering, please provide your details below:

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

 $\Box$  Yes! I am available to volunteer when my child's class is in the studio.

 $\Box$  Please contact me with more details about volunteering.

Parent/Guardian Signature



Parent/Guardian Name (Printed):	 
Signature:	
Date:	

Please return this form by February 28, 2025 to your child's teacher. Thank you for your support in making this artistic experience possible!

		Artist In R	esidence			
	Monday March 3rd	Tuesday March 4th	Wednesday March 5th	Thursday March 6th	Friday March 7th	
9:00-10:00	set up	K-Peck	carnaval no clas	1-Starling	ng	
10:45-11:45	set up	K-Cloutier	carnaval no clas	1/2-Gervais Open studio		
11:50-12:50		Art Drop In		Art Drop In	1	
	Monday March 10th	Tuesday March 11th	Wednesday March 12th	Thursday March 13th	Friday March 14th	
9:00-10:00	K-Pronovost	2-Tremblay	3-Munro	3-Lebritton	Open Studio	
10:45-11:45	1-Pelltier	2-Sass	3-Patterson	4-Lande		
11:50-12:50		Art Drop In		Art Drop In		
	Monday March 17th	Tuesday March 18th	Wednesday March 19th	Thursday March 20th	Friday March 21st	
9:00-10:00	4-M	5-Lalonde	6-Kirk	6-Blanchard	Open Studio	
10:45-11:45	4/5-Sheetz	5-Longpre	6-Jepsen	6-Boer		
11:50-12:50		Art Drop In		Art Drop In		
	Monday March 24th	Tuesday March 25th	Wednesday March 26th	Thursday March 27th	Friday March 28th	
9:00-10:00	7-Eddie	8-Letourneau	9-Watt	galary walk	PD Day	
10:45-11:45	7-Anderson	8-Jones	9-Cust	galary walk		
11:50-12:50		Art Drop In		Art Drop In		